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Applicant:	Hardison, Pamela)	Docket:	06-0320-PHA.RA
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For: **DEVICE AND METHOD FOR SUPPORTING WOUND
DRAINAGE SYSTEMS**

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DECLARATION OF THOMAS R. WILLIAMSON III

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.132, I, Thomas R. Williamson III, make the following declaration for use in the above-captioned case:

1.

My name is Thomas R. Williamson III, I am of legal age, I am competent to give this declaration, and I make this declaration on the basis of my personal knowledge.

2.

On June 27, 2003, I met with Pamela K. Hardison, the Applicant of the above-referenced application, in an invention disclosure meeting.

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At the time of the invention disclosure meeting, I was under the employ of Myers & Kaplan Intellectual Property Law, LLC.

3.

In said invention disclosure meeting, I asked the Applicant the date the invention was first conceived, to which she responded December 17, 2002. I corrected her response on the "Intake Sheet" then utilized at Myers & Kaplan Intellectual Property Law, LLC to reflect that the date of conception was December 17, 2002, not December 17, 2003 (an impossible date) as she had entered on the Intake Sheet.

4.

On March 7, 2011, I reviewed the appeal brief in the instant patent application. During this review, I noticed that one of the cited references

arguably has a priority date that is *before* the filing date of the instant patent application, but *after* Applicant's stated date of conception.

5.

During the course of this review in preparing the Appeal Brief in this application, I also reviewed the entire case file and found the Intake Sheet that indicated the Applicant had invented prior to the arguable effective date of the reference.

6.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.



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